

Fish Point Wildlife Area Manager's Update

2015 Season - Week of 10/4/2015



Weather

Temperatures were in the mid to upper 60's with the lows at night dipping to the mid to upper 40's.

Waterfowl Abundance

Duck and goose numbers were below last week's estimates. Currently there are 1200 dabbling ducks and 350 geese in the refuge. Numbers of duck and geese should steadily increase as we get closer to waterfowl season. Duck numbers in the refuge were down this week as large numbers of dabblers began using the newly flooded hunting zones.

Hunting Conditions

This coming fall, waterfowl hunters can expect good water levels in all units. Most hunting zones have 5-6 ft tall corn cover. Areas with marginal corn will have a blind to provide additional cover. Barley, Buckwheat, and Japanese's Millet will provide an excellent food source throughout the waterfowl season for many zones on the area. Registered drawing participants can expect 6-8 inches of water in many of the zones come opening day.

Hunter Numbers

No hunting took place this week.

Waterfowl Harvest

There have been 55 geese harvested between all hunting seasons.

What To Expect This Week

Cooler night time temperatures are expected beginning this weekend. Bird numbers should begin to increase as the weeks get closer to waterfowl season and temperatures fall.

Upcoming Events

Our fall open house is scheduled for October 5th at 6pm for hunters to observe the area conditions, summer projects and check station remodeling.

Other Comments

N/A

